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NOTICE

****WEARING MASKS/FACIAL COVERINGS****

June 16, 2020

TO: ALL CITY OF UNION SPRINGS BUSINESS OWNERS
FROM: THE MAYOR'S OFFICE
RE: WEARING MASKS/FACIAL COVERINGS
FINE - \$25.00

Greetings City of Union Springs Business Owners,

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in the City of Union Springs, the City Council for the City of Union Springs adopted Ordinance #460, which requires the wearing of masks/facial coverings in public in the City of Union Springs during the COVID-19 Pandemic, effective beginning on Wednesday, June 17, 2020.

The City Council is requesting that you please stress the importance of wearing masks/facial coverings within your business.

Attached is Ordinance #460, Requiring Wearing Masks/Coverings in Public in The City of Union Springs During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Recovery.

We along with your business want to strive to ensure that all citizens are safe and well protected during this COVID-19 Pandemic.

We appreciate your support.

*Respectfully,
The Mayor's Office*

ORDINANCE # 460

**AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE WEARING MASKS/COVERINGS IN PUBLIC
IN THE CITY OF UNION SPRINGS
DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND RECOVERY**

The City of Union Springs to require face masks/coverings effective, June 17, 2020

WHEREAS, The City Council of the City of Union Springs recognizes the emergency declarations of the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Alabama, and the Mayor of the City of Union Springs related to the spread of COVID-19 disease in our community; and

WHEREAS, The State Health Officer has issued orders for the closing of certain businesses and the limitations on the operation of essential businesses within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has the authority under Ala. Code, Sect 11-47-131, by ordinance, to prevent the introduction of contagious, infectious, or pestilential disease into the City and to establish and regulate a sufficient quarantine, not inconsistent with laws of the state, in the City and to punish any breach of quarantine law; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that an emergency of unprecedented size resulting from the natural cause of community spread of a novel human coronavirus disease, COVID-19, has occurred in the City of Union Springs; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a disease caused by a novel coronavirus, previously unknown in humans, and causes upper-respiratory tract illnesses that can range from mild to severe, spread quickly, and may cause death, particularly in older adults and persons with certain chronic medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic as of March 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The spread and effect of COVID-19 has created a humanitarian crisis of unanticipated proportions; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Saint T. Thomas, Jr. has proposed, and the City of Union Springs City Council has unanimously approved an ordinance to require the wearing of a face masks/covering in public during the COVID-19 health emergency; and

WHEREAS, The ordinance requires an item to cover the nose and mouth of a person to limit the spread of coronavirus. Under the ordinance, that will go into effect on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, medical grade masks are not required. The masks/coverings may include, but not be limited to items such as scarves or bandanas. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

state cloth face masks/coverings may be fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost.

WHEREAS, The ordinance is requiring face masks/coverings to be worn at all times by people over the age of two and who can medically tolerate doing so when in public places within the City of Union Springs.

WHEREAS, Face masks/coverings are not required in an individual's home or personal vehicle.

WHEREAS, Exceptions to the ordinance include:


- Face masks/coverings are not required to be worn over the face during individual outdoor exercise, for example, walking or jogging, but must be worn when encountering and interacting with groups of other people in a park or other public place.
- Children (2) two years of age and under, as face masks/coverings may pose a risk of choking, strangulation or suffocation to infants and young toddlers. Carriers and strollers with coverings that allow the child to breathe comfortably are alternatives for infants and young toddlers. Parents and guardians shall be responsible for ensuring proper masking of children over the age of (2) two years when in public but must ensure that the face covering does not pose a choking hazard for children and can be safely worn without obstructing a child's ability to breathe. Parents and guardians shall exercise judgment and avoid bringing children not wearing masks into public places, especially where contact with vulnerable individuals is expected.
- Patients in examination rooms of medical or dental offices or clinics or hospitals where there is a necessity to examine or treat the mouth or nasal area, subject to the direction of the medical or dental professionals in charge of the office, clinic or hospital.
- When wearing a face masks/covering poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk such as anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance.

WHEREAS, Business owners, managers and supervisors will be expected to ensure employees and visitors observe the requirement in their place of business. Businesses will not be required to provide face masks/coverings for employees.

WHEREAS, Failure to comply with the ordinance is punishable by a fine of \$25.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Union Springs, Alabama, while in a City Council Meeting VIA Phone Conference on the 15th day of June, 2020.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2020.


Saint T. Thomas, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:


Presetta "Necce" Walker, MMC
City Clerk/Treasurer/Magistrate

